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To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

> Tax Overpayment Re:

Zahn Court Reporting, Limited

R-28

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find an ordinance directing the City Treasurer to issue a refund to Zahn Court Reporting, Limited in the amount of \$2,547.25 based upon the overpayment of its 2016 Business License Tax, resulting in a refund due of \$2,547.25, plus interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Pishko City Attorney

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

Form and Correctness Approved:

By Office of the City Attorney

Contents Approved:

By C. Commissioner of the Revenue

Pursuant to Section 72 of the City Charter, I hereby certify that the money required for this item is in the city treasury to the credit of the fund from which it is drawn and not appropriated for any other purpose.

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by In Christing Harrymsh 5/27/11
Director of Finance Date

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND TO ZAHN COURT REPORTING, LIMITED BASED UPON THE OVERPAYMENT OF ITS BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR THE YEAR 2016.

WHEREAS the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that the business license tax was erroneously overpaid by Zahn Court Reporting, Limited for the year 2016, and has corrected this assessment in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3981; and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified with the consent of the City Attorney that the aforementioned taxpayer paid all taxes due on the erroneous assessment and is entitled to a refund of excess taxes paid based on the corrected assessment in the amount of \$2,547.25, plus interest; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That \$2,547.25, plus interest at the rate established by applicable law, is hereby appropriated for a refund to Zahn Court Reporting, Limited for the year 2016.

Section 2:- That the Treasurer of the City of

Norfolk is hereby directed to issue a refund to Zahn Court Reporting, Limited in the amount specified above as soon as practicable upon passage of this ordinance.

Section 3:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue Certification and Request for the Refund Of Previously Paid Tax to:

Zahn Court Reporting, Limited Account Number 134832/009527

May 23, 2016

<u>Overview</u>: Zahn Court Reporting, Limited overpaid its 2016 BPOL tax. The business operates on a fiscal year. Business licenses are based on a calendar year's gross receipts. Taxpayer reported their fiscal year gross receipts instead of their calendar year gross receipts. Zahn overpaid their BPOL tax in the amount of \$2,547.25. See the attached spreadsheet.

In compliance with **Norfolk Code § 24-7**, the Commissioner of the Revenue's files pertaining to this request are available for inspection by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

This refund reduces business license tax revenue by \$2,547.25 for the 2016 fiscal year.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the City Attorney consent to the issuance of the refund and call for City Council to direct the City Treasurer to refund the business license overpayment of \$2,547.25.

Certification

I, C. Evans Poston, Jr., Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Norfolk, certify that the above named company is due a refund in the amount of \$2,547.25 as specified by <u>Virginia Code §58.1-3981</u> due to the overpayment of <u>Business License Taxes</u>.

C. Evans Poston, Jr., Commissioner of the Revenue

Bernard Pishko, City Attorney